



# Ancient Rome – Early Days

Rome was ruled by Etruscan kings from 616 – 509 BCE

- In 509 BCE the Romans overthrew the Etruscan king
- Now they have the right to rule themselves. Which government would work best for them?



# Romans – Four Periods of History

## Period ONE

509 – 264 BCE

- Etruscan king thrown out and Romans set up Republic
- Romans must control borders





# Period One

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- 390 BCE Rome nearly comes to an end
- Gauls attack Rome, crush the main part of the Roman army, and loot Rome
- The Roman people fled to the countryside, the Gauls looted Rome and burned nearly all of it to the ground




# Period One

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- Rome was rebuilt and reinforced with walls.
- 300s BCE Romans defeat Etruscans in the North
- Romans would defeat the Samnites, Latins, and Greek cities in the south
- By 275 BCE Rome had conquered Italy





# Ancient Rome – Period Two

264 – 146 BCE

- Growth of Rome threatening Carthage
- Rome fights three wars with Carthage



# First Punic War

241 BCE a Roman victory secured an end to the First Punic War

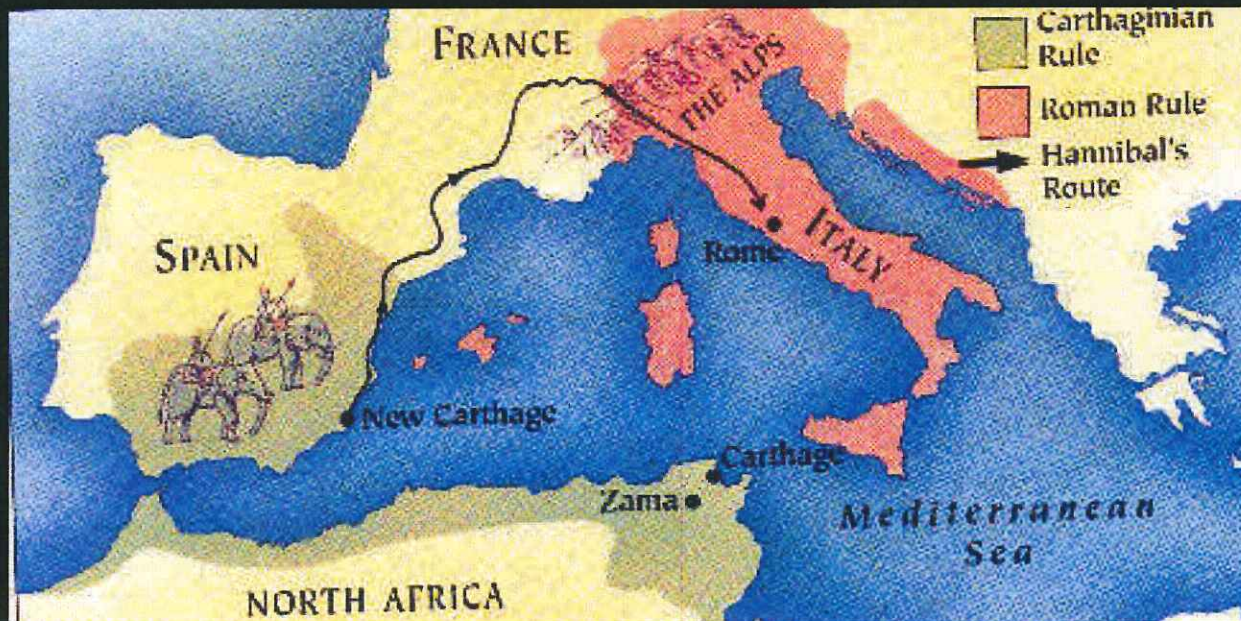
- Rome receives Sicily and other minor islands



# Second Punic War

218 – 196 BCE

- Carthage attacks Italy
- Hannibal (Carthage's best general) shipped his troops to Spain, crosses the alps, and attacks Italy from the north







# Third Punic War

149 – 146 BCE

- The Romans would burn Carthage to the ground
- Many in Carthage were killed others sold into slavery
- By the end of the Punic Wars, Rome controlled North Africa, Spain, Italy, Macedonia and Greece





# Rome: Third Period

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145 – 44 BCE

- Wars now happening within
- Italian allies resent having to pay taxes to fight Roman wars when they are not given the same rights as Roman citizens
- Rome decides that all free Italians can become Roman citizens



# Romans – Four Periods of History

## Period Four

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44 BCE - 14 CE

- Republic has ended, Caesar is dictator





# Fall of Rome

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- 410 CE  
Germanic Tribes  
invade Rome
- 476 CE Last  
emperor driven  
out of Rome